

Weymouth. Feb 23. 1853(?)

I had a letter last night
from Mary from Mrs May
telling me that the box would
go. I asked about the 1st of March,
every thing being obliged to wait
for Quincy's Report so I have be-
thought me that up to that time
I would keep a sort of Log, for it
does not
seem
to
deserve so dignified a name
as Journal or Diary, for your
behalf, & put down any thing &
every thing in a sort of miscella-
neous way as it occurs to me.

I was employed yesterday in sorting
(burning or packing) away all the
Boswell papers, & I read with more
attention than I had had time to
do before the letters that you sent
me from Mrs Purdie, Miss Ince
& others. I was greatly impressed by
the extent of your patient labours
& wondered at you & praised you more
than ever. Surely you obey the
 injunction, "to sow beside all waters."
I laughed too a great deal over

I finished "Fleete" last night? was very
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good Mrs. Mason's letters. How
does she & her worthy spouse get
on together. If she denounces the
ministers to him as she does to you
& me I don't see how he can bear it.
It is a comfort to know there is one
person in Great Britain that cannot
be appalled by harsh language.
The word, were she in America
hung enshroued on the accents of
Pillsbury & Foster. A few years since
when Pillsbury lecturing in Weymouth
described some terrible atrocities of
slavery as beyond the conception "of the
blackest fiend, gnawing his chair
in the hottest corner of Hell" even
I was obliged to say that as a
matter of taste I really could not
sanction it, but would not admit
that it was at all one of keeping
with either the theological language
or common habits of thought of New
England. I have been in the wrong
since that I admitted any thing
as Miller & Foster & many other great

people furnish abundance of imagery
wherewith to keep Pillsbury in con-
tention. But peculiarly, he is one of
our finest speakers & produces a very
startling effect both on the conscience
& feelings of his auditors.

What sort of a person is Miss
Dupin of Headingly. I should judge
she was an original peculiar person.

I had last evening a letter from
E. Quincy, in which he speaks of Mrs
Steele as clo~~sette~~ (pardon my
spelling the word wrong in two places)
with Garrison, at Mr Jewett's pub-
lishers, he advising her about her
to Uncle Tom which is just coming
out. He reports her as very right
on the Church & Minister's question,
declaring herself astonished at the
ingenuity of the latter (the Ministers)
& saying they were wolves in sheep's
clothing, & he (Garrison) a sheep
in wolves' clothing. Pray keep
all this quite private as I wish her
to define her own position, & especially

that we should avoid all attempts
to make her appear as one
with us any further than she
chooses to do so.

Feb 28

I went in town on Friday last to a
meeting of the Ex. Com of the Amer
war Society. It was quite an
important occasion & I hope & believe
that good will come of it. After
much writing & talking & proving
& conning between Boston, N. Y. & Phil
adelphia it has been settled that
the Ex. Com. should invite Mr Oliver
Johnson, the present Editor of the Free
man to N. Y. to act in the Editor
ship of the Standard & to act as office
agent in short to share all Sydney's
duties & responsibilities with an equal
salary & dignity. You may not know
much about him but Sarah Pugh will
be able to make you all facts of his
history. He was one of the earliest lib-
erationists & has the whole history of the
cause at his fingers' ends, is a warm
personal friend of Garrison, has great
good sense & clear judgment.

I much prefer²⁰ practical ability. He is strong
where Sydney is weak namely in
the understanding of the Cause as
a popular movement, to be carried
on through the ordinary machinery
of Society operations. Since the abolition
of the Tappan Dynasty it has always
been a mistake at N.Y. that the
governing influences there have been
intensely individual, either not quite
easy (like Mr Child) in acting as
an organ for other people, & those other
people all sorts & conditions, or else,
like Sydney, not quite understand-
ing how to perform his part. But this
is precisely where Mr Johnson is strong.
We mean too, if our means hold out
to enlarge the extent of our accommo-
dations in N.Y. & present out more
imposing (i.e. elegant) than to the
enemy. It is probable we shall hold
the Annual Meeting in Brooklyn
as there is no hope of procuring a
place in N.Y. itself. Brooklyn is a
large city very separate therefrom
by a ferry. One or two people there

am trying to obtain Ward Beecher's
church & the I have not the slightest
idea "that they can succeed."

Now I wish to tell you still confiden-
tially of a note that Garrison showed
me which he had just received from
Mrs Spove. It was written with such
warmth & fervour that I feel
quite assured that she is right at
heart tho she may err in conduct
according to our judgment while
in G. B. She would not have gone to
Garrison with the expression of her strongest
emotions, had it been her intention to
speak of ~~or~~ him otherwise than with es-
teem & respect. From its whole tenor I
have very great hope that she may
be the person raised up to do a great
work in respect to the American Church.
The idea is evidently fermenting in
her mind. She is, I should judge, a
very impulsive enthusiastic person &
may make mistakes in consequence. She
can know little or nothing of the cause,
as a cause & I do not believe her worldly
experience great. It must have been

are sided & very much among one
class of people, but as I have said
since seeing this note I have a much
more entire sym pathy with her than
ever before & am willing to "hope all
things & believe all things" respecting
her. Dr Shave I find goes with her.

Russell Swell told me at the Board
Meeting that it was quite delightful
to see her charmed he is with his
wifes celebrity & glory.

If a snow storm at present raging,
does not prevent me, I shall go in
two tomorrow for a day or two to help
Mr May pack the foreign box.
Then I am promised the pleasure of seeing
your father's last letter.

March 6th

I do go in town & was absent from
home for 3 very busy days. A good
part of it I was at the A. S. office
(in the day time I mean) helping
Mr May pack the box, but I cannot
tell how it will all come out. There
is only one room at the office & that
is very apt to be full of people

all discussing & talking "expressing"
like one of Dickens' women, "in infinite
variety of opinion on an infinite
variety of subjects. Amid so much
confusion & so many things to be
thought of, it stands to reason that
I must have omitted some things
for which I shall be sorry. I hope
matter however in your & R. D. W.'s
hands may work themselves into
shape. Mr May will put in some
Liberty Bells, Reports & undirected, &
you must call upon R. D. W. for such
as you want if I have left undone
what I ought to have done in the
way of presentation. Pray let me know
of any such as it may do me good
for another time. I call the Bell
a good one this year with a few
exceptions. I was to be sure well
off for poetry. Being Sanford's is a
very pretty thing, but then it has
nothing to do to fit slavery. I think the
Puseyist's tendency ought to balance
the Secularism come out in that
occasionally shows itself & procure us a
little respect among formalists, and among
the worst individually. Pray who is

Miss Sandford? I should like to know
something about her.

Mr May showed me your
father's long and interesting letter.
I am sorry he is so much annoyed
by Garrison's heresies. I do not know that
I altogether am surprised at it, for un-
doubtedly Garrison's opinions & their ear-
nest promulgation ^{do} in some respects,
affect the Cause injuriously. Still it
seemed to me that he hardly looked at
the matter just as it was. If these are
Mr G's conscientious opinions, & if he
sincerely believes that man kind would
be benefited by their promulgation,
how can we ask him to give them up
any more than we can ask Ward
Becher to give up his orthodox teaching
in the Independent, or the Editor of your
Inquirer to stop his ^{in that paper} Unitarianism, Greek
& leading Abolitionist as G. is, he has
other interests beside those of the
Slave & the same right to promulgate
them as any other person may have.

Perhaps the very fact that Mr Estlin
is nearer in opinion religiously to Mr G.

than I am may make him more
anxious & uneasy. His generous dis-
position to the Liberator certainly shows
a very kind & friendly interest in him.
I do not think the whole matter has its
difficulties. On the whole I can say
nothing but this. Let those who like the
Liberator take it & circulate it among
such as may be benefitted by it, but
let the Liberator be the paper that
shall be regarded as the exponent of
A. S. feeling in America by the English
Abolitionists. Mr Webb's idea that even
genuine people could not be in sympathy
with the A. S. movement here strikes me
(asking his pardon) as very narrow &
quite unlike his usual breadth of view.
I wish I could talk with him.

I was much pleased to find one
just who wrote what in the Advocate.
It makes the paper more interesting to be
possessed of this knowledge. But I will
not reply to a letter of Mr Estlin to
Mr May, especially as I have one
or two things more that I wish to say
to you. On looking over your letter

received by the Fair box, I felt very
sorry indeed that I omitted in the
Bazaar report to make honorable
mention of the Coleridge reliq. Caroline
may have mentioned to you, indeed, I
know she explained to you self or Mr
Michele the delay that occurred before
she read Mrs M's letter. Thus I, not
hearing of it, ^{the reliq.} in the first day of the Fair,
I was selling it myself, it passed from
my mind till too late & I did not
speak of it as I ought in the Report.
I am sorry; for such mention of reliqs &
curiosities tends to create both a supply
& a demand for another occasion. But
you can never know my dear Mary,
under what a burden of impediments
& annoyance, & amuse how much haste
& confusion my Fair work is done. A
person occupying my position should live
in Boston. I have wished so much that
Mr May could find a suitable purchase
for his pretty place in Leicester as he
wishes to do, as then he would come to
town to live & perhaps Mr May might

then be able to do a good deal of
what devolves upon me & which is
because of inadequate time & strength
was imperfectly. It is given quite a
pensive reflection how much more &
better might have been done for the
Cause, had my circumstances been
different & my physical strength greater.
I hope ere long to hear from you at
length. Caroline who is now at N.Y.
has written you by this conveyance
her letter coming to me for you (for
Mr E) & one for Mrs Mitchell the
day I left town. Do write either to her
or me very soon.

Amis still continues quite miser-
able with the rheumatism. He sometimes
is a little better & then falls back. Suffers
even when not dangerous winds & tempests
are terrible. I wish I had some of
your quiet & patient endurance. I
am afraid it is the last quiet to
which I shall ever attain.

I have a few letters lying in my basket
& I will send them to you as a little return
for those of your correspondents. They may
interest you. Pray give my love to dear
S. Pugh, Mr Estlin & Mrs Mitchell &
believe me, dear Mary, ever very truly
& affectionately yours A. W. W.